

# Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

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# National Baseline Study

Grassroots Education &  
Awareness

Support from Tribal  
Leadership

Catalyst for  
Congressional Action

National Support w/  
VAWA 2005 & 2013

Back to Grassroots with  
Tribal Participation

Involvement of  
Government,  
Community, Individuals



# Principles of Government-to-Government Relationships

- Building Relationships
  - Community visits
  - Tribal approvals
  - Tribal IRB approval
- Maintaining Relationships with Tribal and Federal Stakeholders
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Commitment
  - Ensuring confidentiality
  - Community capacity building
  - Training field staff

# Building Relationships

- Incorporate local rule
- Formalize government-to-government relationship
- Personalize Recruitment strategies
- Build rapport
- Outreach and Education
- Identify and cultivate community-based relationships
- Hire local field staff

# Building Skills

- Internal processes/protocols
- Education for Tribal leadership and community
- Information on research methods and approaches
- Application of required tribal approval methods
- Training of local field staff

# Working Together

- Establish meaningful involvement
- Support for research
- Participant arrangements
- FAQ's and informational materials
- Engagement of local agencies
- Implementation assistance
- Access to local, safe and private facilities

# Commitment

- Appropriate pathways
- Develop policies and processes
- Informed participation
- Participation to benefit all AI/AN women in tribal communities
- Provide local facilities and counseling support
- Provide feedback
- Encourage participation

Questions?

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